



Argentina Research Guide

ANCESTOR'S BIRTH LOCATION UNKNOWN

1895 National Census: Indexed on FamilySearch for the entire country.

1869 National Census: Indexed on FamilySearch for the entire country.

1855 Census: Indexed on FamilySearch for the Federal District only, including the City of Buenos Aires.

FamilySearch Indexed Records: Try searching first in indexed records. Click Search, then Records. Try a variety of searches with your ancestor's name, or the parents' names, or just the parents' surnames AND using the option to limit the locality by the country of **Argentina** and the name of the **Province**.

Contact Family Members: If you do not have even a minimal amount of information AND have no idea of where and when to look, you need to contact family members who might have that information. This could be older aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.

ANCESTOR'S BIRTH LOCATION AND NAMES OF PARENTS, SPOUSE OR CHILDREN ARE KNOWN

FamilySearch Indexed Records: Try searching first in indexed records as explained above.

FamilySearch Browsable Images: If there are no results from the previous search(es) for your ancestor or any siblings, you will have to browse images for the locality. On the **Search** page, click the **South American** portion of the map then select **Argentina** from the list of countries. Select a record collection from **Image-Only Historical Records** and browse the collection page-by-page for your ancestor.

There are currently no Civil Registration records available for Argentina. There are, however, Catholic Church records for many areas. These records are very helpful in advancing your pedigree.

FamilySearch Catalog: Not all records for Argentina are online. Be sure to check the **Catalog** under **Search** options before giving up. Your search can be localized by selecting **Places within Argentina** at the top and then choosing the exact locality where your ancestor lived. There may be microfilms and/or books indicated that could help you in your search.

RESEARCH STRATEGIES

Whom to Search For? If you don't know the names of the parents, but you know the name of the spouse and/or the names of some of their children, begin with a marriage search (if they married in Argentina and you know the place). Click on Search, then Records. Or begin with a search for the birth/baptism record for one of their children (if you have an approximate birth date and place).

FamilySearch Wiki: Translation, handwriting help, and descriptions of specific record collections can be found on the FamilySearch Wiki (find under Search, then Wiki). Type in **Argentina** and select the resource from the sidebar on the right.

FamilySearch Community: You can get immediate research and handwriting help from a community of researchers through the FamilySearch Communities. Go to <http://community.familysearch.org/> and click **Groups**. Search for **Latin American Genealogy Research** or **Investigación Genealógica** to find the group for Hispanic genealogical research. While the second group is in Spanish, the members will respond to posts written in English. On the group pages, you can post research questions and upload documents to get translation help.

IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR WHO WENT TO ARGENTINA

FamilySearch Wiki: Type in **Argentina**, select **Argentina Emigration and Immigration** to find a list of websites you can search. The links between English and Spanish versions can be found at the bottom of the page. For Italian and Spanish immigrants, the link "Finding the Emigrant's Town of Origin" is helpful. Use the link, then click on "surname distribution maps". Select the country of origin and enter the surname to find possible places of origin.

FINDING A LOCALITY

For help locating a place in Brazil, you can try the following sources

- Google
- Wikipedia (the Spanish version works better)
- **Argentina Gazetteers** on the FamilySearch Wiki

ONLINE RESOURCES

- GenArgentina: www.genargentina.com.ar
- Argentina Immigration Records: www.immigration-records.com.ar
- (1882-1950)
- Facebook Hispanic Genealogy Research Group: <https://www.facebook.com/HispanicGenealogy/>
- Facebook Investigación Genealógica en Argentina Group (in Spanish): <https://www.facebook.com/familysearch.argentina/>